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November President's Message

Well, the grass is turning brown and that means not much grass cutting left for this year. Some men refer to it as "that pretty brown grass". While we are waiting for the weather to get cooler, it's time to stock up on gumbo fixings, apple cider, hot chocolate and popcorn. You know, those favorites for sitting by the fireplace on cold days and nights. Chili and soups are also good when the weather is cold. I love winter.

I'm glad that the local elections are over. I am happy that our son-in-law, won his council seat again in Scott.

October 15th and 16th Jim (N5NVP), Archie (W5AG) and myself (KE5UPK) went up near the town of St. Landry to Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp to provide communications support for the Scouts On-The-Air Jamboree. We were told there were about 500 scouts participating. We could see Boy Scout tents at various Scout camp sites scattered around in the woods. Archie drove AMOS out there to operate from and AMOS looked real good out there. He and Jim had a table set up outside with their radios and helped the boys make contact. Those boys were amazed at the radio contacts they made to say the least. They were kind of shy at first but warmed up to the radio pretty quickly. (See the article on page 4).

I'd also like to point out that Glen Thibodeaux (KF5FNP) was on the scene with his Emergency Go-Kit & camera. Glen ran a test to see if he could hit Fred Marshall's repeater from up at the Boy Scout Camp. It wasn't successful but that was believed to be due to lack of a more appropriate antenna at a higher elevation. So thanks to Glen.

Jim and I attended the Amateur Radio Club of Central La in Pineville, La. on Oct 9th and we were proud to see a large number AARA members in attendance. I helped in the kitchen with serving the food and drinks. Neither of us won anything, but a lady from Lafayette who purchases only one (1) ticket won an ICOM 2200H mobile radio.

Nick Pugh asked Jim if he would look into the possibility of the club applying for a grant. He did that. Jim advises that grants come in two different flavors; (1) grants through Home Land Security. Equipment purchased by this means would belong to the parish, not the club. (2) An alternative to this would be a grant through a commercial entity. The "Open Window Period" for applying via this source when grant money is available normally covers only about a six (6) week time period. The club can go directly to these agencies to apply and the equipment purchased would belong to the club.

Either way we go, the club body/ARES group needs to decide how large of a grant to apply for: i.e. \$20,000, \$30,000, \$40,000 etc. The club needs to decide whether equipment purchased is to belong to the club or to ARES.

We need to decide whether we are going to get a tag-a-long or a drivable unit. We need to generate a list of all of the equipment types we need and what size generator we need. Jim feels that if we pursue a grant then we should acquire the usual equipment to support not only HF, 2m, & 70 cm, but every thing else that will be needed to do Digital Modes such as EchoLink, IRLP, PSK31, WinLink 2000, and RTTY. Therefore, it will be necessary to acquire a good TNC as well as a computer.

The Red and Blue Contact Contest was fun, and the Blue Team won. Next meeting is a special treat of ice cream and cake along with the refreshments for the November meeting.

We will probably have a new member in attendance at the November Club Meeting. He is Jim Molan (KD5IGG) of Bunkie, La. I feel that Jim will be a great asset to the AARA Club.

The holidays are fast approaching. I hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your families. Families are a blessing from God and it is a wonderful time to celebrate.

Jim and I are in charge of the refreshments for the November Club meeting, Joy and Rick Breaux will be in charge of the refreshments for December.

Hope to see you at the Thursday November 4th club meeting.

I hope you didn't forget to vote on November 2nd.

73,

Irma Bookter KE5UPK
AARA Club President

Programming Notes: Archie Hill W5AG, AARA Vice President

Our November 7th regular meeting will include a talk by Dave Redfearn N4ELM on the topic of "QRP" or low power radio communications on the HF bands. I have had a little experience working contests with the North American QRP CW Club (NAQCC) that limits radio power to 5 watts during their monthly 2-hour sprints. This club also promotes using a straight key for Morse code sending and "simple wire antennas." This group is very patient with hams that are new to CW or perhaps a bit rusty with Morse. I have not had to use a special QRP rig for these contests. I just set the RF power as low as it will go on my usual rig and have fun. More information on this group which is free to join and get a "number" can be found at the website: <http://home.windstream.net/yoel/index.html>

On the weekend of October 16th & 17th, a number of hams from the AARA participated in a Cub Scout camping weekend at Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp near Chicot State Park. Herman KN5GRK has published some photos from this event. Things happened very quickly with only a few days notice. I wish to thank President Irma KE5UPK and Jim Bookter N5NVP and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP for getting on board this event. We made use of the AMOS van, recently washed and having passed inspection, as a sort of rolling billboard that attracted cub scouts to our table. We put up dipoles in the trees in a perpendicular orientation and had two radios working at one time. Jim Bookter was great with the cubs and had many of his SSB buddies make on-air conversations with the scouts. Some of the participating scouts included: Benjamin Leonard 8, Kenneth Hobbs 7, Alex Bartee - Pack 497, Nick and Bryce Deshotel - Pack 22, and Zach Breaud and Alex Lamb - B.S. Troop 55. Nick Pugh K5QXJ has often worked with the Boy Scouts at this camp teaching the Radio Merit Badge. This will take place during a 4-day campout beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving.

DATES TO REMEMBER**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday November 4th @ 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden ARC Hamfest 2010
December 8, 2010

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Chennault Aviation and Military Museum hosts**Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall & Special Event Station****PRESS RELEASE:**

The Chennault Aviation Museum in Monroe will host the Vietnam Traveling Wall November 5th-7th. The Wall, which memorializes the names of all fallen U.S. Soldiers of the Vietnam War, will be set up on the museum grounds at 7-1 Kansas Lane. It will be open for viewing 24 hours a day. Out of respect for the names on the wall, security will be on duty at all times. The museum building will be open to the public between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for self-tours. It features memorabilia from General Claire Lee Chennault and his Flying Tigers, Delta Airlines, Selman Field Navigation Training School, and World War I, World War II, and Vietnam artifacts. There is no charge for the memorial or museum.

Extra ground has been cleared surrounding the museum for the massive memorial, which is 288 feet long, is 3/5 the size of the actual monument in Washington, D.C. Schedule for the Wall and its arrival in Monroe is:

Nov. 3: Motorcycle groups and state police will escort the Wall from Rayville into Monroe along I-20 East.

Nov. 4: The wall will be erected and a documentary film on the Vietnam War will be shown at 6 p.m. at the Jack Howard Theatre in Monroe. The feature-length film is produced by R-Squared Productions and features personal accounts of Vietnam Veterans.

Nov. 5: Opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. at the museum. Special guests from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. will be students from area schools.

Nov. 6: Vietnam veterans and their families honored at a luncheon at 11 a.m. on museum grounds, courtesy of the NE Chapter of the Louisiana Restaurant Association.

Nov. 7: Closing ceremonies at 4 p.m. prior to taking down the Wall for its next stop in Ohio.

Joining the museum in sponsoring the Wall are the City of Monroe, The News Star, Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau, Louisiana Lottery, and R-Squared Productions. The museum welcomes volunteers to help throughout the three days. Please call 318-362-5540 for more information.

Members of the TCHAMS Club in the Monroe / W. Monroe area will be operating a special event station on Saturday November 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and possibly a little later on 80-40 meters on or around 3970 KHz and 7270 KHz. They will be using the call **WA5WX** which is for the Northeast Louisiana ARES.

A SASE will get you a nice QSL card if mailed to:

WA5WX

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA ARES

111 BAYWOOD DR.

WEST MONROE, LA 71291 USA



October 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

CLUB MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the President Irma KE5UPK.

The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 19 members in attendance.

Minutes: The September Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the October LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: The September 10th Financial report was read Joy N5YCS. Any member wanting a copy of the financial report may contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org.

Old Business:

The attending members gave out the numbers of contacts, that they made, since the last meeting. The Blue Team won handily. Jim N5NVP was first with a score of 218 and John W4JHC in second with a score of 151. The Blue Team did however, include the Red Team for ice cream.

Herman re-stated that December will be his last LARC Newsletter. He also asked if anyone knew where the Ham IV rotator, that was donated to the club was located. Everyone is supposed to be looking for it.

Jim N5NVP stated that Greg K5LFT had won a MFJ Antenna Tuner at the New Orleans Ham Fest.

Irma KE5UPK stated that the Pineville, LA Ham Fest will be Saturday the October 9th and listed the prizes.

Jim N5NVP brought up a listing of the requirements, that would be necessary, to apply for a grant for a new AMOS, etc. and the downside of getting a grant. Jim is making contact with a person that does this type of work and the costs.

He also stated that there is, and should be, separation between the Club and ARES.

New Business:

Herman KN5GRK made a motion, that the club should somehow, grant the spouse, of a deceased member, be given free club membership. After much discussion it was decided not to change the by-laws, etc. but to keep this local with the club. The motion was seconded by Grant KE5CNU and the club voted. The Ayes were in the majority.

John W4JHC brought up that the monies collected for the Handy Talkies for the new hams has not been spent, due to the costs being more than originally thought. He gave one way this could be accomplished.

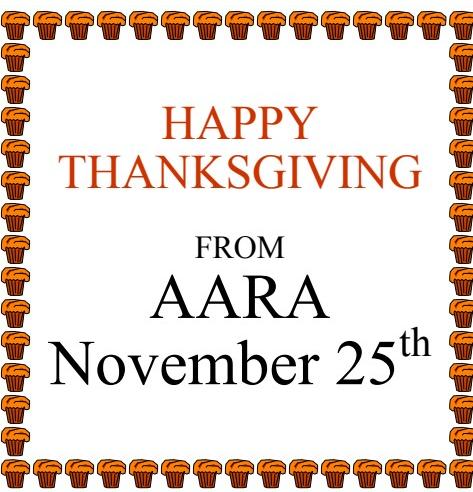
Guest Speaker: After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Archie W5AG gave a presentation and video on "Charcoal Making for Soil Amendment and Alternative Fuel".

Door Prizes:

1. Joy N5YCS - A large bag of mixed party chips

2. Robert KE5WZK - A nice photo album (for QSL cards).

Respectfully Submitted
Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
Secretary, AARA



October VE Test Results

Barry Cooper KE5TVJ of Plaucheville, Louisiana upgraded to General Class.

James Magin KE5SAD of Broussard, Louisiana upgraded to General Class.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Mitch Romero KB5TWL
John Cunniff W4JHC
Rick Breaux N5RLM
Archie Hill W5AG

73 Danny K5ARH

New Club Members

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) would like to recognize the following first time members:

James Molan - KD5IGG Region 6 Central District Emergency Coordinator.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7, 2010 2:00 AM. Set your clocks back Saturday night before you go to bed.





On Saturday and Sunday October 16 & 17, 2010 a Scout Jamboree was held at Chicot State Park (St. Landry Parish) in the Mountian Bayou Lake Scout Camp with around 500 Scouts attending.



Archil Hill W5AG, left Saturday morning around 8:30 AM with the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. mobile operation center van (AMOS) and reached the campsite around 11:00 and started setting up antennas and was on air around 1:30 PM. Jim and Irma stayed until about 10:30 PM Saturday night and Archie remained all night. Jim returned Sunday morning and followed Archie back with the van to Lafayette around noon.

Numerous contacts were made to other stations taking part in the Jamboree-On-The-Are all across the country on phone and CW. Contact totals are still pending at this time.



All in all, it was a great weekend for this event, WX was picture perfect. Thanks go out to Jim N5NVP and Glen KF5FNP for the nice photos we have to share with you. We were asked to return in November.

Those of the AARA that helped out in this event are: Archie Hill - W5AG, Jim Bookter - N5NVP, Irma Bookter - KE5UPK, and Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP.

More pictures at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsuite/events/jamboree2010/>



November 2010 Special Events & Contests

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| Nov. 6 | WA5WX - Vietnam Traveling Wall - See page 2 of the LARC. |
| Nov. 9-12 | W5M - Marine Corps Birthday, Spiro, OK. |
| Nov. 11 | Veterans Day - Many Special Event Stations on the air. |
| Nov. 11 | W4KID - USS Kid - Baton Rouge, LA |
| Nov. 13 | Cajun Cup 10 K Run - Downtown Lafayette, LA 8:05 AM. |
| Nov. 13 & 14 | WØFSB - Five Sullivan Brothers ARC Triple Event - Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day, Five Sullivan Brothers. |
| Nov. 20 | ARRL November Sweepstakes
You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the November 2010 issue of QST on pages 36 and 99. |



11/01	JO ANN	KE5RPL
11/03	PAUL	K5VSH
11/09	ZACHARY	KF5EUC
11/12	AL	K5MZG
11/13	BETTY	KE5RPL
11/20	STEVE	KC5UGC
11/22	PETE	W5HZA

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

Minden Amateur Radio Association Hamfest 2010

Date: December 18th, 2010
Time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Location: Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway St. Minden, LA.
Talk-in: 147.300 PL 186.2
Admission: \$5.00 each.
Tickets for door prizes and main prizes: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Main Prizes:

- 1st - Yaesu Ft-450 HF Transceiver
- 2nd - Icom IC-V8000 2m Mobile
- 3rd - Wouxun Dual Band HT

Tickets may be obtained from any member or contact Fran KD5LKB or Dusty N5COL.

VE Testing: All levels 9-12 AM
Swap tables will be available for \$5 each, available at the door.

Website:
<http://www.n5rd.org>

October 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	45	2	99	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	N/A	N/A	Ø	N/A	KF5CNU Grant
Acadiana ARES Net	4	17	Ø	48	N5LRZ Ray
Vermilion Parish ARES Ne5	4	26	Ø	52	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	1	* M 2 / G 4	Ø	11	KE5JKD Larry

"Wise men learn more from fools than fools from the wise." — Cato The Elder

UL of Lafayette - Project CrawSat III - Weather Balloon Experiment

The Cajun Advanced Picosatellite Experiment: (C.A.P.E.) recently conducted a Range Test for its weather balloon project CrawSat III. This test was designed to ensure the balloon's radio would be able to transmit correctly at various altitudes and distances to the primary receiver at the University of Louisiana's C.A.P.E. Ground Station. By placing different levels of attenuation on the balloon board's antenna, we were able to simulate these different altitudes and distances, while keeping the radio and accompanying electronics in one location. The test was attempted three times from a parking tower in downtown Lafayette, but failed after inserting over 49 dB of attenuation. Exact reason for failure is unknown, but theorized to be due to the angle of the parking tower in relation to the ground station. On the fourth attempt, the location of the balloon was moved to atop the Chase Tower in downtown Lafayette. The test was total success, with attenuation reaching around 70 dB, providing a security that the balloon package could



transmit successfully from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and wherever it lands in East Louisiana, to the ground station in Lafayette. We would like to give special thanks to Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP for the

Casey Boudreux, Chase Savoy, Louis Courville, and Ethan Olivier from left to right

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP.

assistance, and for allowing us to use the Chase Tower rooftop. — Rizwan Merchant

The balloon will be launched sometimes after the November AARA Meeting. Anyone wanting to help in tracking this project will be welcome. Dates and times will be released at a later date.

AARA November Club Meeting

Thursday November 4th at 7:00 PM - Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, Louisiana

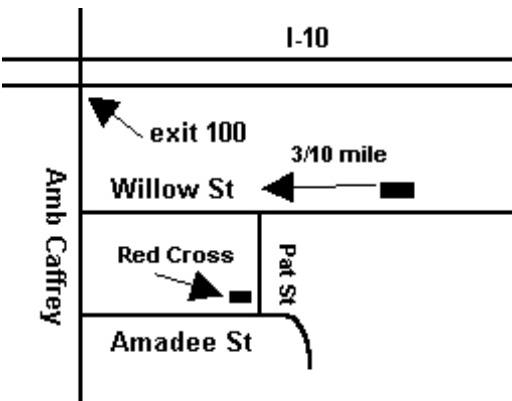
VE Testing will start at 6:00 PM. Door Prizes / Refreshments Guest Speaker: David Redfearn N4ELM on QRP.

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Share the Fun - Bring a Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 4th, 2010 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

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Cajun Bread Pudding

From: <http://www.hubpages.com>

3 large whole eggs	2 cups milk or light cream
1 1/4 cup sugar or honey	1/2 cup chopped black walnuts
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla, plus 1 tsp for whipped cream	1/2 cup chopped baking chocolate or chocolate chips
1 1/4 tsp. grated nutmeg	5 cups stale bread, cubed
1 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon	1 pint (16 oz) heavy whipping cream
4 tbsps. Unsalted butter, melted	* powdered sugar for dusting

INSTRUCTIONS:

* Pre-Heat Oven to 350 degrees F. Cooking -spray a 13 "x 9" baking pan, bottom and all sides. Add bread cubes to the pan and arrange in a layer.

* In a separate bowl, beat eggs and sugar or honey until fluffy.

* Add vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon, milk, walnuts and cup butter. Mix well.

* Pour the contents of the bowl over the bread cubes and press the bread down so as to cover all with the liquid.

* Bake 45 to 60 minutes until golden brown.

* Serve warm with a scoop of rich French Vanilla ice cream or dust the top of each serving with powdered sugar and cinnamon. You can also pour a small amount of Bourbon over the top.

Send your favorite recipe to:

Herman Campbell KN5GRK - Editor
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FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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